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THETIS RETURNS WITH GOVERNOR

Frear Looking well After his Trip, Talks of Things he has seen and done--Attorney-General but just Recovered from long Attack of Seasickness

Ending its twenty-three days' cruise to Midway and Laysan and intermediate islands the U. S. revenue cutter Thetis, under the command of Captain C. S. Cochran and bearing Governor Frear and former Attorney General Alex. Lindsay, steamed into Honolulu harbor and dropped anchor at its old berth at 11:20 o'clock this morning. An hour later the governor's party, salute of thirteen guns, was fired as the territorial executive and his party drew shoreward in the ship's launch.

In the official party returning were only the Governor, Judge Lindsay and David T. Fullaway, entomologist for the U. S. Agricultural experiment station, who has been making a large collection of insects among the islands visited by the Thetis.

Tanned almost to a nut brown and with the sprightly carriage of a boy, Governor Frear's verbal assurance was unnecessary to prove the beneficial effects of his long outing, and while there was no real salt in his beard his face indicated long exposure to the salt breezes.

Judge Lindsay, who is deeply tanned, Governor Frear declared that he—the Governor—had not been seasick a day but the Judge did not attempt to reiterate the statement in his own behalf. Captain Cochran remarked:

"He was perfectly well when he came aboard at Honolulu, and he is perfectly well as he leaves the ship today. 'Nough said!'"

"Land certainly looks awfully good to me," commented Lindsay.

All are enthusiastic in their praise of the trip, however, and are brimful of fish stories the like of which might make an aged fisherman turn pale, and of yarns concerning birds and animals they have seen. They brought home three wild canaries captured on Midway, and say the golden hued songsters aided materially in beguiling the long hours aboard ship by their bursts of wild music. They also brought several huge turtles and one seal. The seal is dead, however, and is to be stuffed if the warm weather along the route has not ruined the carcass.

Governor Frear was so enthusiastic in retelling accounts of their adventures that he had little time to discuss his work on the legislative affairs, to which he had expected to give considerable attention during the vacation jaunt, though it is understood he has been able to prepare a general outline of his ideas on the various subjects for submission to the legislature. The more serious work on these matters doubtless remains to be finished, however.

"Had a bully time," remarked the governor, forgetting himself so far as to fall into Rooseveltian phraseology, "and while we didn't stop at any one island more than a few hours, and in no instance an entire day, we had some great sport, swimming in lagoons of water almost crystal clear, where there are miles of beaches beyond compare, better than Waikiki ever could be made."

At Laysan island the party of scientists, sent out by the department of agriculture to clean up that island of the rabbits which are infesting and ruining the place, was dropped. In this party are Commodore G. R. Salisbury, George Willet, the Los Angeles policeman-scientist; W. S. Wallace, specialist on forms of sea life, and A. M. Bailey, taxidermist.

The governor and Judge Lindsay went ashore with the scientists and used the 22 rifles to good purpose on the rabbits, killing, so Lindsay says, fifty in one or two hours' steady shooting. Compelled to desist, by weariness and the heated gun barrels, they returned to the vessel and sailed away. On their return to Laysan

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HAWAII COUNTY AUDIT ORDERED BY SENATORS

Hold-Over Committee Employs Accountants to Investigate Alleged Tangles

(Special Star-Bulletin Wireless.)
HILO, T. H., Jan. 7.—Hawaii county's financial affairs, about which much has been alleged and written, are to be given an impartial investigation by the territorial senate hold-over committee on ways and means.

Senator A. F. Judd, chairman of his committee, has sent to the board of supervisors of Hawaii county a letter stating that the audit of the books is to be made and that the Audit Company of Hawaii has been employed for this purpose.

The action of the committee has the approval of the board of supervisors, which reported on the plan some time ago. Ever since the report made by H. Gooding Field there has been talk of a further investigation, and the senate committee offered its services under authority of the legislative resolution naming the committee to oversee financial affairs of the various counties.

The letters sent by Senator Judd and received by the supervisors are as follows:

January 4th, 1913.
Board of Supervisors, County of Hawaii, Hilo, Hawaii.

Dear Sirs: The senate hold-over committee on ways and means has employed the Audit Company of Hawaii, Limited, to make an audit of the books of the county of Hawaii for this committee and at its own expense. This action has been taken by the committee as the result of the report of the finance committee of the board of supervisors of the county of Hawaii, dated December 6, 1912, and adopted by the board at a meeting held that day.

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EXPERT TESTIFIES IN THE MAHUKA SITE CASE

The Mahuka site case was continued in the United States federal court this morning with practically no new testimony being taken. The greater part of the morning was taken up with the cross examination of R. R. Reidford by District Attorney Breckons regarding the method of ascertaining the valuation of the property now occupied by Hall & Son and other tenants.

Mr. Reidford took the stand at the beginning of the session at eight o'clock, and reiterated his statement made at the beginning of the trial that he had found the valuation of the entire site to be \$233,637.50 and also his statement that the value of the interest of the rentals being condemned by the lessors, the Austin estate, being \$155,000. During the cross examination by the district attorney, Mr. Reidford was asked to tell what tests he used in compiling the valuation of the land composing the Mahuka site. In answer to this, Mr. Reidford stated that he had used tests such as the rentals of adjoining property to solve his valuation. For instance, the rentals from the McIntyre building and others. Mr. Reidford said, however, that he had used these rentals merely as a comparison. Several instances were then brought up in cases where Mr. Reidford had before made valuations of different sites, and he was asked to explain the methods which he used. These figures were then taken and compared with the financial condition of the Austin estate at the end of the different years beginning with 1907.

Mr. Breckons confined his examination the greater part of the morning to comparing the valuation of property in the neighborhood of the Mahuka site and practically little testimony was given. The case is progressing rapidly and is expected to be brought to a close in about two weeks. The trial will be continued at eight o'clock tomorrow morning.

HEAD OF MEN NOW FIGHTING HARD TO END WAR



Sir Edward Grey, British Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, the man of all others who is struggling to bring about some settlement of the disastrous war in the Balkans. At the beginning of the war in the Near East it was generally agreed that the Great Powers had determined the status quo in the Balkans should suffer no alteration. The victorious march of the allies, however, soon caused much speculation as to what territorial changes there would be in the event of Turkey being defeated. Replying to questions in the House, as to whether the Great Powers had agreed before the outbreak of the Balkan States; whether other communications on the subject had since passed between the Great Powers; and whether those Great Powers would uphold the territorial dominion of Turkey over Macedonia—Sir Edward Grey said that the answer to the first two questions was in the affirmative. With regard to the third and fourth, he said that, as communications were passing between the Great Powers, it was not advisable to make any statement at the moment.

DISMAY AMONG CITY OFFICES TURMOIL IN BOURBON CAMP

BARRON BOASTS HE WILL FORCE OUT FIRE CHIEF

Hail to the King! For a long time it has been said down here that first this man and then that was "the uncrowned king of Hawaii," or the boss of Honolulu. But there now remains no doubt as to the real authority that sways the deeds of men here. Nor is there any doubt as to who sways that authority. The fact is the Democratic county committee and the man who apparently is running things just about as he pleases is one Soapbox Barron, political orator and dispenser of assurances to the multitude in his leisure hours.

In an interview this morning Mr. Barron announced that Charles Thurston is slated for removal from office when the next board of supervisors meets tonight. Also, albeit modestly, he declared that he alone is responsible for the downfall of the fire chief.

"Martin Scully is from my precinct," declared Barron with the accent on the "my," and a slight inflection of the chest; "therefore I am going to see to it that he gets the appointment from the mayor. No, I don't care what the board does. We

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Shadow of the Ax and Question of Patronage Disorganizes Alike the Officials of the Municipality and the Board of Supervisors — Meeting Tonight to Receive Ordinance Cutting Salaries of Many City Employees

Deep gloom added to the nightmare of confusion that prevails in every one of the city's departments save that of the Treasurer this morning. And through the gloom loomed the form of the ax, hanging by a thread that needs but the snick of the supervisory shears to permit the sharp blade to fall upon the outstretched necks of the present office holders. Nor are those assured of their jobs in much better state of mind. Another axe is basking for them, and tonight their salaries will be sliced to the bone.

The following ordinance will be introduced to do the business:—The figures show the proposed salaries of the different offices, and the reduction planned by the board.

Section 1. That the compensation and salaries of the officers, deputies, assistants and employees of the several city and county departments hereinafter named, shall be and are hereby fixed at the following monthly rates:

City and County Attorney's Department: First deputy \$250—\$25, second deputy \$200—\$25, clerk \$100—\$12, stenographer and typewriter \$100—\$12.

City and County Clerk's Department: Deputy clerk \$150—\$25, Chief

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GENERAL MACOMB WILL DELAY RETURN

Sessions of the board of general officers, recently convened in Washington to consider the reorganization of the land forces of the United States, are likely to bear fruit concerning Hawaii, and the plan of the general staff to raise the islands to division rank, may see fulfillment in the near future.

Brigadier General M. M. Macomb, department commander, who is a member of this board, states in a letter received yesterday by Adjutant General Campbell, that army matters will hold him in the national capital longer than he expected, and that he has cancelled his reservations for January, and will not be home until the February transport.

That the sending of additional troops to Oahu will mean an independent command here almost immediately, is generally believed by those "in the know." The plan of the general staff is to reclassify the geographical divisions, using the word division only in the technical sense. What are now known as divisions will become departments, while the present departments will be done

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WELLS FARGO TO LEAD STRUGGLE

Manager Announces Intention to Enter Lists with Uncle Sam in Transporting Food Stuff Direct to Consumer and Cutting out Middleman's Profit--Other Companies may Follow Footsteps

[Special Star-Bulletin Cable]

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 7.—According to C. R. Graham, the local traffic manager of Wells Fargo & Company express, and in charge of the company's branches in the Hawaiian Islands, that concern intends entering into direct competition with Uncle Sam's latest innovation, the parcel post. The company, it is understood intends at once to begin hauling food stuffs direct from the farm to the consumer, with the expectation that it will thus cut down the profits of the middle man and reduce the high cost of living. Mr. Graham declares that the plans for the new move are almost completed and that he expects other express companies to follow in the footsteps of the Wells Fargo company as soon as the scheme has been given a fair try out.

Frost Slays Laborer

[Associated Press Cable]

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 7.—Frost, bitter and biting, claimed its first human victim in the history of this city last night. Some time during the night one of the homeless wanderers in the streets died, frozen by the intense cold that has gripped this city for two days. His body was discovered early this morning by the police, but so far has not been identified.

From all over the state come reports of the havoc done by the cold. In the south, where the cold has been comparatively as intense as here, the damage done to the citrus crop is estimated at from ten to thirty millions of dollars, most figures being in excess of twenty millions. Whole districts have been laid waste by the frost, orchards being destroyed and trees killed.

In the north, although the weather has been bitter, and the temperature lower than for many years, the damage to the citrus crops has not been so great, being to the north the cold, frost-matures earlier in the year than farther south, and most of it has already been harvested.

Rosecrans Rams Beach And Sinks

[Associated Press Cable]

ASTORIA, Ore., Jan. 7.—Driven by a sixty mile gale, blowing dead on shore, the oil tanker Rosecrans rammed the bar at the mouth of the harbor here late last night and her crew is drowned to a man. The tanker was on her way to Honolulu via this and other ports. This is the third time she has been wrecked within a year. The first time she rammed the beach south of San Francisco and split in two. She was taken off and rebuilt. August 27 last she caught fire while at Gaviota and burned to the water's edge. She was taken off and rebuilt. This ship was the first she has made since the fire.

The ship was inbound, when she ran into the gale that drove her, head on, on Peacock Spit. The weather was thick, so dense being the fog that it was almost impossible to see across the ship's deck. The air and the water were so cold that the crew was hampered and unable to work the ship properly.

After striking the shoal the tanker swung to with the drive of the seas, and the breakers began cascading over her sides, washing away the members of her crew, clinging to the deck houses and stays. The vessel will be a total loss.

Turk Tired Of Talk

[Associated Press Cable]

LONDON, Jan. 7.—Dispatches from Constantinople received here this morning, announced that the Sublime Porte has announced that he will submit no additional proposals to the peace conference. The rejection of the last made by the Turkish plenipotentiaries and the insistence by the allies upon the surrender of Adrianople are declared to have tired the Sultan, and he is determined to resort to hostilities again if necessary. It is asserted that the Turkish army has been greatly reinforced by new troops from the central districts of Asia Minor, and that it is ready to go back to fighting again.

Rockefeller Too Ill To Talk

[Associated Press Cable]

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 7.—Dispatches from Nassau, Bahamas, announce definitely today that William Rockefeller, wanted to testify before the House Money Trust investigating committee is at one of the hotels in that island resort. At the same time the Rockefeller physicians filed a certificate with the committee to the effect that the badly wanted multimillionaire is utterly unable to appear before the committee. According to the statement of his doctors, Rockefeller has undergone six operations only recently, and that he is at present under orders not to speak above a whisper, and then only when absolutely necessary. The affidavit asserts that he has been suffering with gas and gouty inflammation of the larynx.

City Railroad Proves Gold Mine

[Associated Press Cable]

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 7.—The first weekly report of the new municipal railway, known as the Geary street line, was made public today. The figures show that the road has earned \$1125 net on the first week's business done, with every prospect that the figures will be materially increased later.

Four Die As Ship Capsizes

[Special Star-Bulletin Cable]

VANCOUVER, B. C., Jan. 7.—The steamer Chesleke was capsized in a storm seventy-five miles north of here this morning and before assistance could reach her four of the members of the crew had been drowned. The steamer Camosun arrived in time to rescue the others, who had been clinging to the over-turned hull, despite the pounding of the seas.